

America's inviolate election process is undermined by the reckless decision of Sinclair Broadcasting to air a politically biased smear of John Kerry shortly before the election. The glaring lack of responsibility on the part of Sinclair in attempting to foist on the public that this contumacious diatribe of unsubstantiated opinion is news reporting violates the public trust placed in Sinclair when it was given access to our public airways.

It behooves the FCC to act immediately in the public interest to intercede and question Sinclair's motives and justification for making what amounts to a thinly disguised illegal campaign contribution.

Please perform your duties to watchdog and enforce the obligation of licensed corporations to support our democratic processes in a fair and equal manner in using their regulated access to the public airways. Among other transgressions the Kerry campaign is not being given equal time to respond to this flagrant smear tactic by a corporation with an agenda that is not in the public's interests.

Sinclair's actions demonstrate why public needs the protection of strengthened media ownership rules, not weaken ones. Sinclair's actions show that the license renewal process needs to involve more than a superfluous review. Thank you.